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as "one of the most wonderful and incomprehensible phenomena in the history of the human mind." "Incomprehensible!" Then it is admitted that Hebrew prophecy cannot be fully accounted for on natural lines. Elsewhere it is pointed out that when Amos foresaw danger from Assyria that country was in a condition of the deepest confusion and impotence, so that his foresight was not the result of political comparison. It seems then that the Old Testament contains a still unsolved enigma. Those who reject a supernatural revelation on Sinai in the time of Moses find themselves confronted in the prophets with a mystery which they are quite unable to penetrate. They have only shifted the difficulty, not solved it. W. T. S.

**The Parchments of the Faith.** By REV. GEORGE E. MERRILL. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society, 1894. Pp. 288. \$1.25.

It is a pleasure to call attention to this little handbook of textual history. There are, of course, many larger and more complete histories of manuscripts and versions, of textual criticism and discoveries, but the author of this volume has compressed so much material into so convenient a shape, and writes so simply and attractively, that one is tempted to say that it is precisely the work needed by pastors and all students who wish a handbook rather than a treatise. The subjects of some of the chapters of the book will show its range and purpose: The Bible of Jesus and the Apostles, the Hebrew Manuscripts, the Targums and the Talmud, the Classes and Characteristics of New Testament MSS., the Two Older Greek MSS., Curious Fragments and Discoveries, the Later Discoveries, Illustrations of [Textual] Criticism. Especially is the beginner in these studies recommended to read the chapter upon the Science and the Critics, in which is to be found a rapid account of the great textual critics, with their most important works. The entire volume is fresh and up to date. Its statements are reliable, and altogether it gives an admirable popular treatment to a by no means easy subject.

It is a pity that the author did not give his readers a select bibliography, although this defect is partly remedied by the few footnotes.

The make of the book is somewhat better than most others published by the Baptist Publication Society, and in the light of the decided advance in taste and mechanical work shown in Dr. Lorimer's *Argument for Christianity*, encourages us to believe that this Society will hereafter give us not merely good books but well-made books. S. M.

**The Argument for Christianity.** By GEORGE C. LORIMER, D.D., Minister at Tremont Temple. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society, 1894. Pp. 480. \$2.

The general plan of this new addition to the rapidly growing library of Christian evidences is better fitted for a series of popular lectures than for a technical treatise—which we do not understand to have been intended by the